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REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-35 are rejected.

Claim 1-35 are rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park (US 4,931,019) in view of Robrecht. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Regarding independent claims 1, 13, 15, 34, and 35, the Examiner acknowledges that Park does not disclose "a sensor configured to detect the electrical signal at a plurality of positions on the film" as recited in claim 1, or "a first detectable signal at a first position on the film and a second detectable signal at a second position on the film" as recited in claim 13, or determining a touch location by "detecting the electrical signal at a plurality of positions on the film" as recited in claim 15, or "detecting a first detectable signal ... at a first position on the film and ... a second detectable signal ... at a second position on the film" as recited in claim 34, or "detecting a plurality of detectable signals" as recited in claim 35.

The Examiner, however, states that Robrecht discloses "a plurality of sensors ... configured to detect electrical signal at a plurality of positions on the film" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully disagree. Robrecht discloses a plurality of piezoelectric sensors that can sense vibrations indicative of a touch input to substrate 110" (para. 00030), where each sensor is positioned near one of the corners of the substrate (para. 00032). Therefore, contrary to the Examiner's statement, Robrecht does not disclose detecting an electrical signal at a plurality of positions on a film that is capable of self-generating an electrical signal in response to an applied external agent. Rather, Robrecht discloses a plurality of piezoelectric films on a substrate.

Accordingly, since neither reference discloses detecting an electrical signal at a plurality of a film that is capable of self-generating the electrical signal in response to an applied external agent, the pending independent claims are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Park in view of Robrecht, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the pending dependent claims, these claims ultimately depend from the pending independent claims that are patentable over the cited references for the reasons set forth herein, and therefore, are patentable over these references at least for the same reasons.

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In view of the above, all the pending claims in the present application are patentable over the references cited and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested and an early indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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